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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Title: Highly heat-resistant inorganic fiber bonded ceramic component  
and process for the production thereof

of which is described and claimed in:

- ( ) the attached specification, or  
 ( ) the specification in the application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_;  
 and with amendments through \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable), or  
 ( ) the specification in International Application No. PCT/\_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, and as amended  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

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I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, ' 119 (and ' 172 if this application is for a Design) of any application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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Japan	150297/03	May 28, 2003	X


I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code ' 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code ' 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, ' 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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The above application may be more particularly identified as follows:

U.S. Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ Filing Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Title of Invention \_\_\_\_\_